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I would like to say welcome back to all our regular supporters and hello to any new fans who are watching us today as we start another season of League football at Burnden Park.

As a club we are looking forward to this season and hoping that the supporters who enjoyed last season are in for an even better one this time round.

Today's opposition will provide us with a stiff opener to our League programme. Bristol Rovers

were one of the sides who were front runners in the promotion race for much of last season.

We welcome them and their supporters for what we hope will be an entertaining afternoon's football.

New faces at Burnden this season include Paul Lodge, signed from Preston North End during the summer, and Mark Came, who has joined us from Winsford after playing a few games in our reserves at the end of last season. We wish them both success and hope they enjoy their stay at the club.

Staying at the club is something George Oghani has achieved when at one stage I was willing to part with him.

His attitude and application since being given his second chance have surpassed all my expectations. His adjustment to being played as a striker instead of a winger has added, along with the arrival of Paul Lodge and Mark Came, competition in every department.

This justifies my claim that our squad is stronger now than it was at the start of last season and that we will improve in our results.

Competition is the essence of all sport and compete is certainly something that we will all be doing this season. There will be competition for places, with no player being guaranteed a first team spot every week.

My players know that it can be financially disastrous to get into trouble with referees on the field — that's something I come down heavily on. So in extending my welcome to our supporters on this first day of the season, I would like to ask them all to follow suit — respect the club that they support and stay out of trouble.

FRONT COVER: Warren Joyce in action against Bury in the Manx Cup last week.



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Welcome to the Park

BRISTOL ROVERS

ROVERS AIM TO MAKE SURE THIS TIME

From: Tony Pullein

Bristol Rovers' player-manager David Williams hopes his side will start today's new season as they finished the last one. An unbeaten run of seven games, of which four were won, very nearly shot them into the promotion bracket. In the end they finished fifth, only four points short.

Rovers, in fact, were among the promotion-chasers throughout the season and, now that Oxford, Wimbledon and Sheffield United are out of the way, we can expect the Eastville side to be one of the strongest in the Third Division.

Mr Williams is relying upon virtually the same squad. Tony Pulis moved on during the close-season. So the Rovers' manager has signed Mark O'Connor from Queen's Park Rangers to fill that void.

Paul Randall will be hoping to rekindle his old scoring talent this season. He had been Rovers' leading scorer in his first four full seasons with them — in two spells, as he left for a while to play for Stoke — but last season he netted only seven times.

Archie Stephens took over the role of chief goalscorer, finishing with 15 goals.

Rovers were looking very good away from home during the latter weeks of the season, losing only one of their closing eight away fixtures. They did take quite a knock on that odd occasion, though, crashing 0-4 at Sheffield United.

Their six away wins last season in the League were achieved at Orient (1-0), Bournemouth (1-0), Southend (2-1), Exeter (2-1), Gillingham (2-1) and Bradford City (1-0).

They drew at Wimbledon (1-1), Plymouth (1-1), Rotherham (2-2), Scunthorpe (2-2), Burnley (0-0), Brentford (2-2), Wigan (0-0) and Hull City (0-0).

Rovers were beaten at Newport (1-2), Port Vale (0-2), Walsall (1-2), Lincoln (0-4), Oxford (2-3), Millwall (0-1), Bolton (0-3), Preston (0-1) and Sheffield United (0-4).

They suffered their second-heaviest defeat of the season here at Burnden Park, two goals from Tony Caldwell and a penalty from Jeff Chandler sending them to a 3-0 defeat. This gave us revenge for the 1-2 defeat we had suffered earlier at Eastville.

Rovers last lost their Second Division place in 1981 but for the past two seasons they have fallen only marginally short of the promotion target. They took seventh place in 1982/83 and fifth position last season.

The club has quite an eventful history, starting out

as The Black Arabs F.C. in 1883. They became Eastville Rovers a year later and adopted their present title in 1898.

Rovers entered the Southern League in 1899, winning the championship in 1905. When the entire First Division of the Southern League was taken over by the Football League in 1920, Rovers became founder members of the Third Division (South).

Prior to the last world war, Rovers' best season was 1933/34 when they finished seventh. But the pre-war era closed on their worst-ever season when they finished bottom in 1939.

It was in the early 'fifties that Rovers really hit their peak. They charged their way into the quarter-finals of the F.A. Cup for the first time in 1951. In the sixth round they drew 0-0 away to then-mighty Newcastle United, only to lose the replay 1-3 on their own ground.

Rovers won promotion in 1953 and enjoyed a nine-year spell in Division Two. That was the era of their "no-buy no-sell" policy when they developed their own players and held onto them.

Players like Harry Bamford, Ray Warren, who played in every position except goal, and Geoff Bradford were the Rovers' stars of the time. Bradford, who was capped for England, still holds the club scoring record with 245 League goals.

Bristol Rovers' first spell of Second Division play ended with relegation in 1962 and it took them 12 years to fight their way back again. They stayed until 1981 and now everyone at Eastville reckons they are going to show the small improvement needed to make sure they return once more to Division Two at the end of this season.

RAY CASHLEY (Goalkeeper). Spent most of his career with neighbouring Bristol City. He made his League debut in 1970/71 and made well over 200 first-team appearances for City. In 1973 he enjoyed the rare experience for a goalkeeper of actually scoring a goal against Hull City. After completing season 1980/81 on loan to Hereford, he went out of the League until signing for Rovers in 1983.

NEIL SLATTER (Defender). Neil served his apprenticeship at Eastville and made his bow in League football four seasons ago. For the past two seasons he has been a regular member of the Wales under-21 side and, after winning six caps at that level, he won full caps against Norway and Israel in June.

TIM PARKIN (Defender). Tim's first League game was against Bristol Rovers in March 1977. He was a Blackburn player at the time, having completed his apprenticeship at Ewood Park. Tim made 13 League appearances for Blackburn and then joined Swedish club Malmö for £25,000 in 1980. Rovers signed him for £15,000 in the 1981 close-season.

AIDAN McCAFFERY (Defender). Aidan is a former England youth international who began his League career with Newcastle in 1974/75. He made more than 60 first-team appearances for the Geordies and was then transferred to Derby for £25,000 in 1979. He enjoyed a complete season in the Rams' side before moving on to Bristol Rovers for £40,000 in 1980. In 1982 he was transferred to neighbouring Bristol City but, because of that club's financial problems at the time, the Football League cancelled the transfer and he returned to Eastville.

BRIAN WILLIAMS (Defender). Brian was a raiding winger in his Bury days and Q.P.R. paid £70,000 to utilise his attacking skills in 1977. After only one season at The Bush, Brian moved to Swindon for £55,000 and it was in the 1981 close-season that he joined Rovers in an exchange deal.

IAN HOLLOWAY (Midfield). Ian is a product of the club's youth scheme. He made his League debut four seasons ago and has been a regular for the past two seasons.

GERAINT WILLIAMS (Midfield). Geraint won Welsh youth honours in his early days with Rovers. He made his League debut four seasons ago and last season celebrated his 100th League appearance.

MARK O'CONNOR (Midfield). Mark is on loan from Queen's Park Rangers. He made his League debut for Rangers against Chelsea in 1981 but got only rare subsequent opportunities. It was after joining Exeter on loan last season that Mark established himself in

League football, making 38 League appearances for the Grecians.

DAVID WILLIAMS (Midfield). David took over as Rovers' player-manager in 1983. A one-club man, he has been with Rovers for a decade, making his League debut in 1975. For most of his career he was a left-back but now often plays in the midfield. Two seasons ago he was picked as one of the permitted over-age players in the Wales under-21 side.

PHIL BATER (Midfield). Phil, signed from Wrexham for £10,000 last season, is now in his second spell with the club. He began his professional days at Eastville, making his League debut in 1974. In his first spell he made 212 League appearances for Rovers before joining Wrexham for £50,000 in 1981. Phil is another Wales under-21 cap.

STEVE WHITE (Forward). Steve re-joined Rovers in 1983, his transfer from Charlton costing £45,000. Steve became a consistent scorer after being blooded in Rovers' first-team in 1978 and during the 1979/80 season he was sold to Luton for £175,000. Steve scored 18 goals when Luton won promotion to the First Division in 1982 but they then allowed him to move on to Charlton in an exchange deal for Paul Walsh.

PAUL RANDALL (Forward). Paul first hit the headlines in 1977 when, after giving up his job in a supermarket, he scored 22 goals for Rovers in his first season in the team. Though he stayed for only half the following season, he was again Rovers' leading marksman. Stoke invested £175,000 in his transfer but he didn't fulfil his promise at the Victoria Ground. Rovers re-signed him for £35,000 in 1981 and for the next two seasons he was their top scorer.

ARCHIE STEPHENS (Forward). Archie was signed from Melsham Town for £3,000 and won an immediate place in the Rovers' team three seasons ago. He was top scorer with 15 goals last season.



Back Row: Ray Kendall (Kit Manager), Roy Dolling (Youth Officer/Trainer), Steve White, Paul Bannon, Ray Cashley, Phil Kite (now Southampton), Tim Parkin, Aidan McCaffery, Geraint Williams, Harold Jarman (Youth Coach), Wayne Jones (Assistant Manager).
Front Row: Phil Bater, Neil Slatter, Brian Williams, David Williams (Player-Manager), Ian Holloway, Archie Stephens, Paul Randall.

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Club News

Northern Ireland Tour

The Wanderers again visited Northern Ireland as part of their pre season build up winning four of the five games played. The only defeat came in the opening game when Glenavon ran out 3-2 winners thanks to some glaring defensive errors by Bolton.

Jeff Chandler opened the Wanderers account for the new season equalising from the penalty spot after Wayne Foster had been brought down. Graham Bell gave Bolton the lead after 65 minutes but two defensive errors by Ray Deakin led to Glenavon sneaking an undeserved victory.

Team: Farnworth, Borrowes, Deakin, Joyce, McElhinney, Berry, Thompson, Chandler, Foster, Caldwell, Bell.

At Portadown, Bolton again found themselves a goal behind until Mark Came who was making his debut and Peter Valentine gave them a half time lead.

Paul Lodge also celebrated his debut with a goal, a rasping shot from the edge of the penalty area but the most spectacular goal was saved until last. Jeff Chandler made a tremendous run before crossing to Tony Caldwell whose header was unstoppable.

Team: Platt, Borrowes, Phillips, Joyce, Came, Valentine, Thompson, Lodge, Rudge, Caldwell, Oghani. Subs: Berry for Borrowes, Foster for Joyce, Chandler for Thompson.

The Wanderers then faced Irish Champions Linfield at Windsor Park and despite giving them the lead due to a poor throw out by Simon Farnworth another battling performance eventually gave them a deserved 2-1 victory. George Oghani coming on as substitute to play in a central attacking position created the chance for Graham Bell to equalise and five minutes from time Steve Thompson nudged the ball home from eight yards out after a glaring miss by Simon Rudge.

Team: Farnworth, Borrowes, Deakin, Joyce, McElhinney, Berry, Thompson, Chandler, Foster, Caldwell, Bell. Subs: Oghani for Caldwell, Lodge for Joyce, Rudge for Foster.

An 8-0 victory at Irish intermediate club Moyola Park followed with goals from Rudge (3), Chandler, Foster (2), Oghani and Lodge.

Team: Farnworth, Berry, Phillips, Bell, Came, Valentine, Lodge, Chandler, Rudge, Oghani, Foster. Subs: Deakin for Chandler.

The final game of the tour was at Bangor where the home club despite putting up a tough performance went down 2-0. Jeff Chandler opened the scoring three minutes from half time and Mark Came slotted home the second in the 73rd minute.

Team: Farnworth, Borrowes, Deakin, Joyce, Berry, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, Oghani, Caldwell, Bell. Subs: McElhinney for Valentine, Lodge for Bell, Came for Berry, Foster for Chandler, Phillips for Deakin, Rudge for Caldwell.

The tour proved the Wanderers now have more strength in depth than 12 months ago and if the defence and midfield continue to chip in with goals as they did in these games and the forwards get a reasonable return there is no reason why the season ahead cannot be looked forward to with optimism.

In Retrospect

Today's meeting with Bristol Rovers will be the 17th Football League game between the two sides, with the Wanderers having won 8 times compared to the Rovers 4.

The first league meeting took place at Eastville in October 1971 when the home side ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Phil Roberts and Brian Godfrey. The following February at Burnden saw the only scoreless game between the sides and indeed Rovers' only point gained here as their following seven visits have all ended in defeat with only two goals to their credit.

The biggest winning margin came in January 1975 when the Wanderers romped home 5-1 to register their first five in a league match since November 1969 when Queens Park Rangers were defeated 6-4. John Byrom opened the scoring in the 24th minute, registering the clubs first goal of the New Year but the second goal a couple of minutes before half time caused a certain amount of controversy. Stuart Lee reached for the ball to squeeze it past Rovers keeper Jim Eadie only for John Byrom to turn the ball over the line. Manager Ian Greaves insisted that the goal was Lee's despite Byrom and the photographer behind the goal saying otherwise.

Bruce Bannister pulled a goal back for Rovers after 64 minutes but it was Byrom again who increased Boltons lead when he pounced onto a Hugh Curran free kick to drive the ball home. Peter Thompson set up the fourth goal 10 minutes from time when his cross was headed home by Curran and the rout was completed when Stuart Lee ran clear of the Rovers defence to slam home and send 11,432 spectators home happy and for keeping their faith in a side which hadn't scored in its previous 270 minutes of football.

The Wanderers faced Rovers in the final league games of 1975/76 and 1976/77 but they will be remembered simply because the Wanderers failed to clinch promotion in each season by a whisker.

In April 1976 Bolton ran out 3-1 winners at Burnden with goals from Peter Nicholson and John Byrom (2) with Alan Warboys getting a consolation goal

for Rovers. A crowd of 12,815 saw the game and demanded that Ian Greaves' team return and take a bow.

Twelve months later with the Wanderers again having missed out on promotion the sides met at Eastville. A 2-2 draw resulted but this was soured by referee John Yates in his final league match by sending off Paul Jones for dissent also booking Willie Morgan and Neil Whatmore for the same offences. Neil Whatmore netted both goals for Bolton whilst David Williams got both Rovers' goals in two minutes just before half time.

In November 1977 Bolton registered their only league win at Eastville when a goal from Alan Waldron was enough to win the points.

Last seasons encounters ended all square with both sides winning their respective home games. At Eastville Rovers found themselves two goals up in the first half hour from Mike Barrett and Paul Randall. The Wanderers didn't come into the game until the final twenty minutes when Simon Rudge pulled a goal back and had enough chances to even win the game but it would have been more than they deserved.

The return game at Burnden saw Graham Bell make his debut and Bolton running out 3-0 winners with an impressive second half performance. Tony Caldwell scored his first goal for three months just before half time and in the 56th minute Jeff Chandler converted a spot kick awarded for handball by Tony Pulis. In the 82nd minute Tony Caldwell completed the scoring by firing into an empty net to keep up Rovers dismal league at Burnden. The Teams were:-

Bolton: Farnworth, Borrowes, Snookes, Joyce, McElhinney, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, Foster, Caldwell, Bell. Sub: Oghani.

Rovers: Cashley, Slater, B. Williams, G. Williams, Parkin, McCaffery, Holloway, Pulis, White, Randall, Barrett. Sub: D. Williams for G. Williams.

Summary of league record	PL	W	D	L	F	A
Home	8	7	1	0	19	2
Away	8	1	3	4	8	12
Total	16	8	4	4	27	14

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together twice. The Wanderers won a first round tie 3-0 in 1905 after a 1-1 draw at Burnden whilst Rovers won a 4th round tie 2-1 at Burnden in 1969.

Down Memory Lane

15 years ago: The Wanderers pre season games produced a mixed bag of results with a 2-1 win over Bury, a 1-0 defeat at Walsall with Terry Wharton missing a penalty, a 1-1 draw with Burnley at Burnden and a 2-1 win at Ayr.

The league games commenced on the 9th August 1969 and the Wanderers got off to a good start defeating Millwall 4-1 at Burnden with John Byrom getting a hat trick and Roy Greaves netting the other. The game also marked goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinsons 500th league appearance.

13th August 1969. Bolton faced Rochdale in a first round league cup tie at Burnden and looked to be on their way out when Dale led 3-1 at half time. The second half told a different story and the Wanderers ran out 6-3 winners with Byrom (3), Greaves (2) and a Wharton penalty earning a second round tie with Rotherham.

August 16th 1969. Bolton visited newly promoted Watford for their first ever home game in the Second Division and came away with a point in a scoreless game.

August 20th 1969. Bolton visited Leicester City who had been relegated from the First Division the previous season and won another point in a 2-2 draw Terry Wharton and Ronnie Phillips were on the mark for Bolton.

August 23rd 1969. Preston North End visited Burnden and were beaten 2-0 with Wharton and Phillips again on the scoresheet.

10 years ago. The Wanderers played five pre season games without a victory drawing at Gutersloh (1-1), Breda (1-1) and at home to Plymouth (1-1) and Blackburn (2-2) losing 2-1 at German Second Division club Erkerschwick. Ian Greaves was appointed assistant manager.

August 17th 1974. The Wanderers opened their Second Division campaign with a home game against Portsmouth winning 3-0 with a couple of goals from centre half Paul Jones and a John Byrom effort sandwiched between.

August 24th 1974. Bolton visited Blackpool and went down 2-1 with the Seaside's winner coming from Bolton born Alan Ainscow. It was a bleak day for the Wanderers who lost Alan Waldron after half an hour with a broken leg. Malcolm Darling left the Wanderers to join Chesterfield in a £10,000 deal.

5 years ago. Bolton qualified for the quarter finals of the Anglo Scottish Cup by defeating Oldham and Sunderland and drawing with Bury. New signings Dave Clement and Len Cantelloe made their debuts for the Wanderers in these games. The pre season warm ups were completed when Ajax of Amsterdam came to Bolton on a wet evening and won 3-1.

August 18th. Aston Villa were the visitors to Burnden on the opening day of the league season and the spoils were shared in a 1-1 draw with Neil Whatmore equalising a Gordon Cowans opener for Villa.

August 21st 1979. A crowd of 45,900 saw Bolton take a point in a scoreless game at league champions Liverpool also earning unjustified criticism from their manager Bob Paisley in the process.

August 25th 1979. Bolton continued the bright start to the season defeating Southampton at Burnden by 2-1 with goals from Neil Whatmore and Neil McNab.

It was the beginning of the end as they were not to taste victory again in the league for another 25 games.

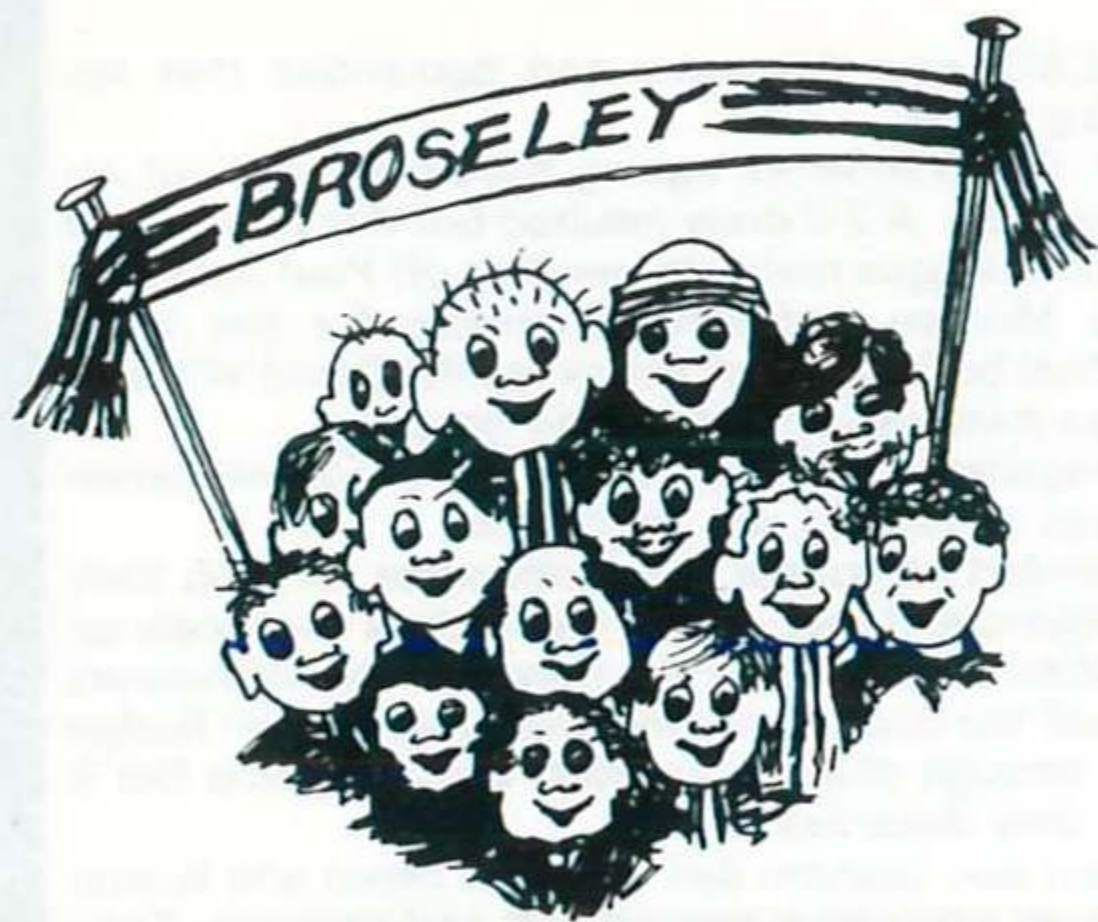
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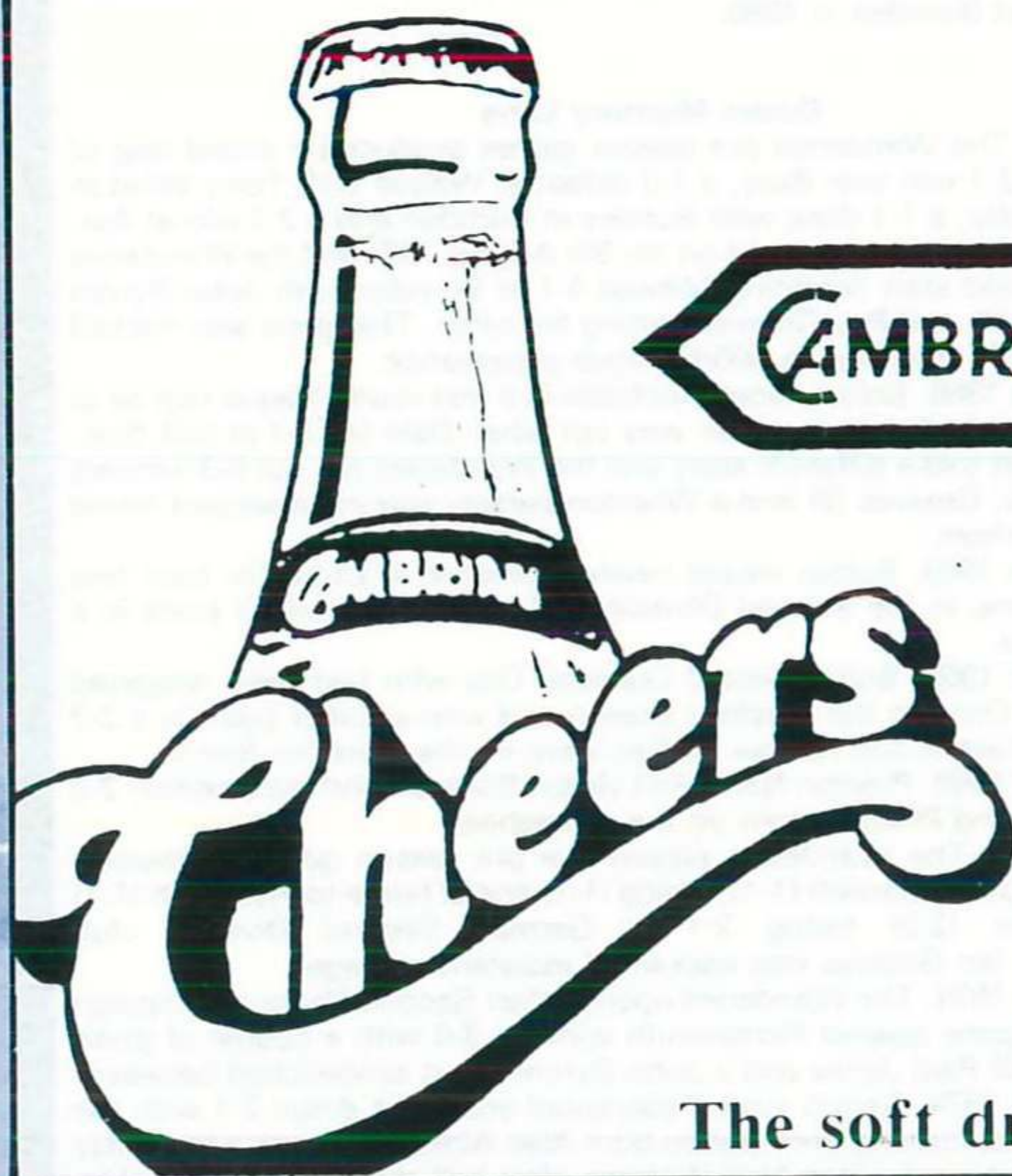
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THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE

By John Nolan

THE OPENING of a new season is always a thrilling and exciting time. The spirit of hope and optimism runs high through every set of supporters and players from Plymouth to Carlisle.

The first Saturday of the Football League season is the only day on which all 92 clubs start on level terms and over the next gruelling nine months only some will bask in glory as cups, championships and promotion are won.

In the highly charged competitive atmosphere of the Football League there is no room for faint-hearts and in the top sphere, the First Division, the margin of error is critical. Championship aspirations can be shattered in the opening months of the campaign so it is essential for those clubs with serious Championship claims to start well.

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Once more Liverpool start as clear favourites but can they really add another record to their fabulous collection by becoming the first side ever to win the title in four successive seasons?

You could certainly provide a strong case to back their cause although Manchester United, Southampton, Nottingham Forest, Arsenal, Q.P.R. and Everton supply six powerful arguments against.

These are the sides I believe will provide the serious challenge to Liverpool's dominance as the season unfolds.

Manchester United are the popular tip. They are a great club, who continue to attract the biggest crowds and spend the most money on the transfer market, but they have not won the Championship since 1967 and that is a long long time ago.

Still Ron Atkinson intends an all-out attack on the League title this season and the signing of Gordon Strachan and Jesper Olsen the Danish wonder-boy, will see the Reds launch a two-wing assault on the title.

Not since the days of Steve Coppell and Gordon Hill, 10 years ago, will United have placed so much emphasis on wing play.

Down in the South Arsenal are emerging as the hottest tips for First Division success. Since Don Howe took control of the team last December their results have been impressive and the £250,000 close season signing of Nottingham Forest's England right back Viv Anderson is seen by many as the final piece to the jigsaw.

With players of the calibre of Tony Woodcock, Charlie Nicholas, Paul Mariner, Graham Rix, Kenny Sansom and David O'Leary to call upon there is plenty of quality available.

Southampton proved Liverpool's closest rivals last season, finishing just three points behind the champions. Playing with a sweeper the Saints proved a difficult side to break down and there seems no reason to doubt that they will be equally as resilient this season.

Manager Lawrie McMenemy, the country's longest serving manager with one club — this is his eleventh year at the Dell — believes that if you surround yourself with good players you can't go far wrong and he has more than proved his point in recent years.

Brian Clough, who steered Forest into third spot claims: "We were undermanned, overworked and over-paid last season." He has dealt with the first two problems by sensationally signing three players on the same day; Dutch international Johnny Metgod, Sheffield Wednesday's Gary Megson and unknown Blackburn teenager Frans Carr.

Cloughie, always the astute showman could just snatch that prize next May.

Queens Park Rangers surprised everyone last season and with their notorious plastic pitch still providing a definite advantage they could still be in the hunt although like Everton, boosted by their FA Cup success at Wembley, I think they just lack the depth to finish top of the pile.

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With all four of the Home countries failing to reach the European Championship Finals in France last June the British media arrogantly turned its back on the second most prestigious tournament in world football.

Many national daily papers did not even send reporters out to France until the semi-final stage and the column inches afforded by those which did cover it were insultingly low.

It was also a non-event as far as the British TV networks were concerned, only the final being shown live by the BBC, while other snippets were crammed into a small slot on the Saturday sports programmes.

Evidently the programme planners, who incidentally are not football orientated, consider that the British public are not interested in any sporting event which does not feature British participation.

What a contrast to the attitudes of our European neighbours. Countries like Italy and Austria, who were also eliminated, gave the tournament maximum coverage — all three of Italy's national networks screened all the games live — and the picture was the same on sets all over the Continent.

It is little wonder that the foreigners criticise our insularity. Perhaps if we had learned a little more from our European neighbours over the years we would not have been sitting the tournament out!

THE LOST KEY

I was sitting in the foyer of a luxury hotel in Lyon during the European Championships when BBC Match of the Day Producer Fred Viner descended the stairs with a very worried look on his face. Fred had moved the BBC car before breakfast and now could not find the key.

Commentators John Motson and Alan Parry, after initial bursts of

laughter, tried to help their boss trace his movements but without the help of action replays the task proved unsolvable.

In the end the BBC TV team had to abandon their motor and rush to the next location in a second hired car.

YOU CAN'T WIN

English referee George Courtney became the butt of much criticism following the European Championship semi-final between Denmark and Spain in Lyon, and there were none more damning than former Tottenham Hotspur manager Keith Burkinshaw.

The Spennymore referee issued eight cautions and sent Danish defender Klaus Berggreen off, following a second booking, in a game which could not be described as aggressive. Afterwards Burkinshaw angrily accused Courtney of being over zealous and self-centred, a somewhat extreme assessment of a performance that had been technically to the book.

The controversy that unfolded that chilly June night in the beautiful Stade de Gerland did not do the referee justice. In my view had he not acted as he did in the early stages of the game then the match would have deteriorated into a fouling shambles.

It was not Courtney who set the standards but the cynicism of the Spanish, who having gone a goal down in the sixth minute, decided their only course was to kick anything and everything that moved.

Some attempted tackles were lethal and as we all know from experience Spanish football at its worst is nothing short of evil. But George Courtney stamped on the offenders immediately and did not

let the seeds of retribution mature. The yellow card was held above Gordillo's head and within a minute Salva had joined him in the book . . . There were no doubts who was boss.

No one I met, argued against these decisions. The meat of the criticism was that they felt Mr Courtney should have got more into the spirit of the competition with regard to the subsequent incidents.

Just what do the critics want? The standard of refereeing had been scorned throughout the series and that age old failing, inconsistency, had been the main charge.

Now here was an official who had remained consistent throughout the entire match and he was being pilloried for it in some quarters . . . The old adage that you can't win if you are the ref certainly seemed to be true in this case.

Having set the standards in the opening minutes Courtney had only one course to follow and accordingly the names of Victor (Spain), Berggreen (Denmark), Jesper Olsen (Denmark) and Maseda (Spain), followed into his notebook before the Spanish captain Luis Arconada was added during the penalty shoot-out, for physically abusing the English official after he correctly ordered Nielsen's spot-kick to be retaken after the Spanish goalkeeper clearly moved before the original kick had been made.

In retrospect the Spanish could thank Courtney for reaching the final. His strong refereeing cut out the violence and made them concentrate on playing football and it was this that beat the Danes, and proved a ticket into the Final.

As for England's only involvement in the 1984 European Finals, I believe George Courtney and his two linesmen, Keith Hackett and Miller could leave France with their heads held high.

THE MERSEY MAS

By Colin Benson

European Cup and the Milk Cup back to Anfield for good measure it is not surprising that they are confidently predicting a repeat performance this season.

Last season Manchester United provided the biggest threat to their crown until the closing stages when they displayed a curious lack of staying power which saw them slump to fourth place.

Indeed Liverpool boss Joe Fagan commented after his team's 15th Championship success that he had been more worried by Southampton and Queens Park Rangers than by Manchester United as they made their final push for the title.

Of course Liverpool will be without the considerable crafts of their former skipper Graeme Souness this time following his transfer to Italy but then Liverpool have lost great players before and still managed to maintain their position as one of the world's greatest club sides.

Before last season had come to a close they had already recruited a replacement in former Ipswich Town idol John Wark and boosted their potential further by splashing out on Luton Town's England striker Paul Walsh.

TICKING OVER

"This is the Liverpool way, to do it as you are winning things," explains Joe Fagan in a hushed voice.

"Good players don't often come along now, and if you get the opportunity, you obviously want to strengthen the team and keep things ticking over."

And winning is what it is all about. Since clinching the Second Division Championship in 1962 Liverpool have dominated not only our domestic game but Europe as well to establish themselves emphatically as the greatest club side in the history of English football.

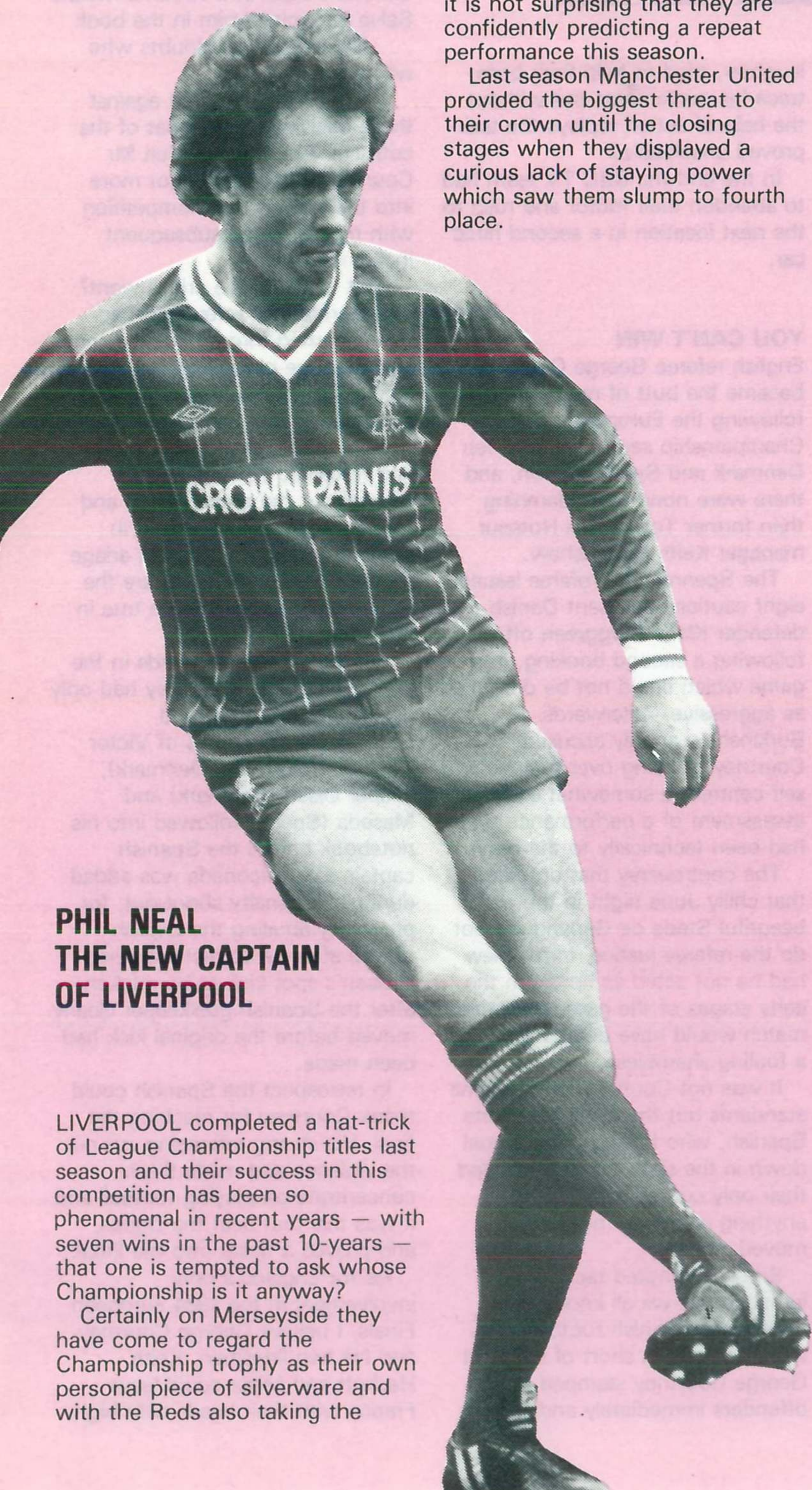
That accolade was previously afforded the great Arsenal side of the 1930's but Liverpool have surpassed their achievements to re-write the record books completely.

During the seventies only nine clubs won at Anfield and ironically Arsenal were one of them, recording four victories. The others to experience the rare scent of success being Derby County, Everton, Leeds United, Burnley, Middlesbrough, Norwich City, Aston Villa and Birmingham City . . . That all adds up to just 12 home defeats in 10 years of football.

PHIL NEAL THE NEW CAPTAIN OF LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL completed a hat-trick of League Championship titles last season and their success in this competition has been so phenomenal in recent years — with seven wins in the past 10-years — that one is tempted to ask whose Championship is it anyway?

Certainly on Merseyside they have come to regard the Championship trophy as their own personal piece of silverware and with the Reds also taking the



STERS

If you analyse the histories of Arsenal's and Liverpool's glorious eras you will find that there is much more than just a similarity of colours between these two great clubs.

Take the management for instance. Herbert Chapman dragged Arsenal from mediocrity to mould it into the greatest club side the world had ever known, a team whose achievements were unparalleled in the history of the game, that was until Liverpool emerged as the new elite.

Bill Shankly achieved comparable development, raising Liverpool from the depths of the Second Division in 1962 and going on to clinch his first Championship triumph some two years later. And both these great managers were never slow to strengthen their teams even further when the opportunity arose. Chapman shelling out a then record £10,980 for David Jack of Bolton to replace Charlie Buchan, Shankly investing £200,000 on Arsenal's Ray Kennedy in 1974.

MACHINES

Both Chapman and Shankly became legends within their own time, charismatic characters who were not just the creators of great teams but of great clubs with solid foundations that were to provide success for the future.

It is interesting to note that one journalist in the 'thirties' described the Arsenal side as being as near to the precision of a machine as any football team had come. How many times in the past decade have Liverpool been likened to 'a well oiled machine'!

There is no argument that Chapman's Arsenal and the Liverpool sides over the past two

decades have been the two outstanding achievements in English club football. There have been more flamboyant and exciting teams like the Busby Babes and the magnificent Tottenham 'double' winning side

but none to match the sheer consistency and achievements of Liverpool and the Gunners.

And when it comes down to basic facts there is only one supreme club. Not even the glamorous Gunners of the 1930's with their five League Championship triumphs and two FA Cup wins can compare with Liverpool's magic collection of titles.

In the past 20-years Liverpool have won the Football League Championship 10 times, been runners-up on 4 occasions; clinched the European Cup 4 times; the UEFA Cup twice, the Super Cup; the FA Cup (2 wins

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Star Profile

A look back at some of the Wanderers past players

Beginning today readers have the opportunity to look back on the stories and the achievements of **YESTERDAY'S HEROES** — the Bolton stars of the past. Included in the series will be the legendary figures — Nat Lofthouse, Dick Pym, Ray Westwood plus some of the more recent stars who captured the imagination of the fans — Eddie Hopkinson, Freddie Hill, Francis Lee and Frank Worthington.

We begin our series with the man who scored the goal that started that sensational sequence of three FA Cup Final successes in the 1920s — **DAVID JACK** — one of soccer's first real "Superstars", the first player to be transferred for a five-figure fee.

The now famous 1923 FA Cup Final in which Wanderers beat West Ham 2-0 was only four minutes old when **DAVID JACK** achieved immortality as the first player to score in a Wembley Cup Final.

And three years later, with Wanderers back at Wembley, **JACK** scored the goal that beat Manchester City and brought the FA Cup back to Burnden Park.

His move to Arsenal in October 1928 for a record £10,890 — nearly double the previous record — meant the great inside forward missed the 1929 final in which Wanderers beat Portsmouth. But he was back at the Empire Stadium helping Arsenal take the Cup in 1930, clinching a personal hat-trick of winners' medals, while the following year he tasted defeat at Wembley as Arsenal lost to Newcastle in the controversial "over the line" final.

Three League Championship medals with the Gunners, scoring 112 goals in 181 games and achieving the distinction of being the first Arsenal player to captain England, was a fitting reward for the gifted **JACK**.

He was destined all along to hit the high spots in football. But none of his achievements in the red and white of Arsenal could overshadow his days at Burnden Park where he booked himself a unique place in the history of Bolton — the place of his birth.

His father Robert Jack, a talented Scottish winger who played for the Wanderers, took his family to Devon where he became manager of Plymouth Argyle. It was not long before young David began to follow in his father's footsteps. The lad who sold programmes and operated the turnstiles eventually graduated to the Argyle first team.

He actually scored the club's first goal in League football, against Norwich at Home Farm in 1920. Shortly after he was transferred to Bolton for £3,500, one of the first cases of a player being sold by his father. Brothers Rollo and Donald were to follow later forging the family's links even stronger with the Burnden club.

In his debut, a friendly against Cardiff in January 1921, **JACK** scored twice despite being reluctant to play in the game because he was suffering from a chill. In fact for his first couple of months in the white of Bolton **JACK** was very much under the weather.

Famous old manager Charlie Foweraker needn't have worried, for **JACK** was to become one of the greatest servants Bolton Wanderers ever had. In 295 League games for the Wanderers spanning a little under eight years, **JACK** scored 143 goals and fashioned one of the most lethal of partnerships with Joe Smith. Taking Cup games and other representative matches into account **JACK**'s Bolton record was 194 goals in 366 games. His career in football produced 314 first class goals, nine England international caps and three English League appearances.

Those who saw him will remember the graceful talents of **DAVID JACK**. Clever with head and feet and possessing a baffling body-swerve. Those who knew him remember a quiet, studious man, a great conversationalist and a good mixer.

First of the really big money signings, **JACK** had the character never to let his massive transfer fee weigh heavily on his shoulders or alter his approach to the game or to life.

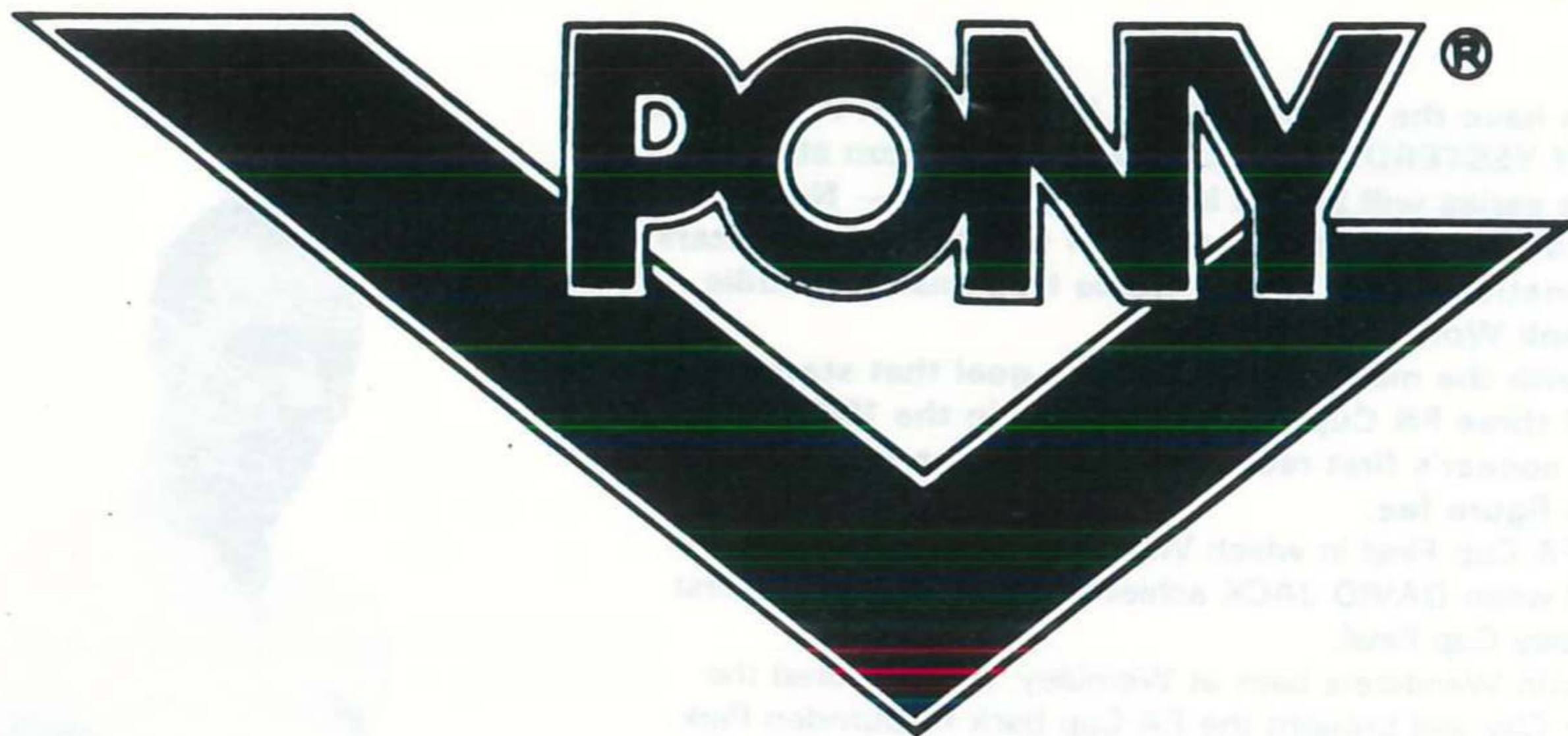
After leaving Arsenal in May 1934 **DAVID JACK** managed Southend United; worked as a clerk in a London bank during the war; managed Sunderland Greyhound Stadium; went back into football as manager of Middlesbrough for a time before finally settling down into the civil service where his working life began. So many years before.

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1984	
Aug. 25	Bristol Rovers
28	Oldham Athletic (MC1 1L)
Sept. 1	Derby County
4	Oldham Athletic (MC1 2L)
8	Hull City
15	Rotherham United
18	Swansea City
22	Plymouth Argyle
29	Doncaster Rovers
Oct. 2	Walsall
6	Reading
13	A.F.C. Bournemouth
20	Preston North End
23	Bristol City
27	Burnley
Nov. 3	Lincoln City
6	York City
10	Newport County
17	FA Cup 1
24	Gillingham
Dec. 1	Brentford
8	FA Cup 2
15	Millwall
22	Cambridge United
26	Wigan Athletic
29	Bradford City
1985	
Jan. 1	Orient
5	Bristol Rovers (FA 3)
12	Derby County
19	Hull City
26	Rotherham United (FA 4)
Feb. 2	Doncaster Rovers
9	Plymouth Argyle
12	Walsall
16	Swansea City (FA 5)
23	Lincoln City
Mar. 2	Burnley
5	Bristol City
9	Preston N.E. (FA 6)
16	A.F.C. Bournemouth
23	Reading
24	Milk Cup Final
29	York City
Apr. 6	Wigan Athletic
9	Orient
13	Newport County (FA SF)
20	Gillingham
27	Brentford
May 4	Millwall
6	Bradford City
11	Cambridge United
18	FA Cup Final

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28th AUGUST	v ROTHERHAM UNITED	8th SEPTEMBER
v OLDHAM ATHLETIC	KICK-OFF 7.00 p.m.	v HULL CITY
KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.		KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

FACTS

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

FINAL TABLE 1983-84														
	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Oxford United	46	17	5	1	58	22	11	6	6	33	28	95		
Wimbledon	46	15	5	3	58	35	11	4	8	39	41	87		
Sheffield United	46	14	7	2	56	18	10	4	9	30	35	83		
Hull City	46	16	5	2	42	11	7	9	7	29	27	83		
Bristol Rovers	46	16	5	2	47	21	6	8	9	21	33	79		
Walsall	46	14	4	5	44	22	8	5	10	24	39	75		
Bradford City	46	11	9	3	46	30	9	2	12	27	35	71		
Gillingham	46	13	4	6	50	29	7	6	10	24	40	70		
Millwall	46	16	4	3	42	18	2	9	12	29	47	67		
Bolton Wanderers	46	13	4	6	36	17	5	6	12	20	43	64		
Orient	46	13	5	5	40	27	5	4	14	31	54	63		
Burnley	46	12	5	6	52	25	4	9	10	24	36	62		
Newport Town	46	11	9	3	35	27	5	5	13	23	48	62		
Lincoln City	46	11	4	8	42	29	6	6	11	17	33	61		
Wigan Athletic	46	11	5	7	26	18	5	8	10	20	38	61		
Preston N.E.	46	12	5	6	42	27	3	6	14	24	39	56		
Bournemouth	46	11	5	7	38	27	5	2	16	25	46	55		
Rotherham United	46	10	5	8	29	17	5	4	14	28	47	54		
Plymouth Argyle	46	11	8	4	38	17	3	2	7	13	28	49		
Brentford	46	8	9	6	41	30	3	7	13	28	49	49		
Scunthorpe Utd.	46	9	9	5	40	31	0	10	13	14	42	46		
Southend United	46	8	9	6	34	24	2	5	16	21	52	44		
Port Vale	46	10	4	9	33	29	1	6	16	18	54	43		
Exeter City	46	4	8	11	27	39	2	7	14	23	45	33		

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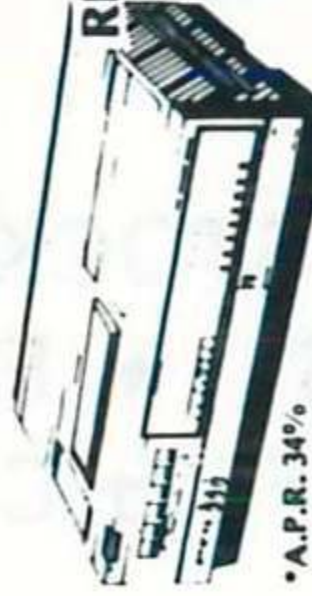
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Date	Opponents	Goals F A
1984		
Aug.	Rotherham	
Sept.	Leeds United	
	Doncaster Rovers	
	Oldham Athletic	
	Hull City	
Oct.	Middlesbrough	
	Port Vale	
	Grimsby Town	
	Leicester City	
	Preston North End	
Nov.	Blackpool	
	Wigan Athletic	
	Scunthorpe	
	Burnley	
Dec	York City	
	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
	Sunderland	
1985		
Jan.	Rotherham United	
	Leeds United	
	Doncaster Rovers	
	Oldham Athletic	
Feb.	Middlesbrough	
	Hull City	
	Wigan Athletic	
	Blackpool	
Mar.	Preston North End	
	Leicester City	
	Grimsby Town	
	Port Vale	
Apr.	Scunthorpe	
	Burnley	
	York City	
	Sunderland	
May	Wolverhampton Wanderers	

THE CENTRAL LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 1983/84

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goals
Liverpool	30	18	7	5	57	33	61
Manchester Utd.	30	17	6	7	64	34	57
Aston Villa	30	16	6	8	50	29	54
Nottingham Forest	30	14	10	6	60	38	52
Everton	30	16	3	11	53	35	51
West Bromwich A.	30	14	7	9	46	35	49
Newcastle United	30	14	7	9	44	37	49
Derby County	30	11	7	12	45	42	40
Stoke City	30	11	6	13	52	59	39
Sheffield Wed.	30	11	5	14	52	61	38
Blackburn Rovers	30	10	6	14	38	46	36
Sheffield United	30	10	6	14	38	59	36
Sunderland	30	9	3	18	36	54	30
Leeds United	30	7	7	16	37	51	28
Bolton Wanderers	30	8	3	19	35	68	27
Burnley	30	5	9	16	19	45	24

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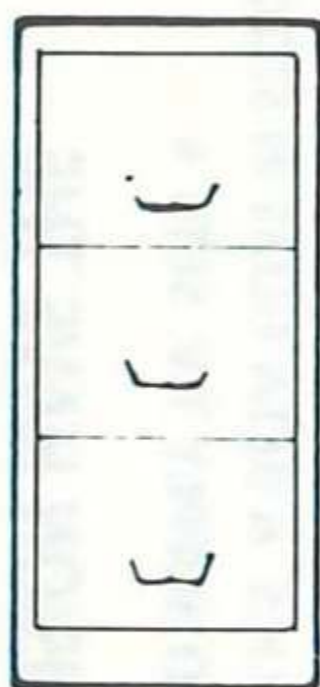


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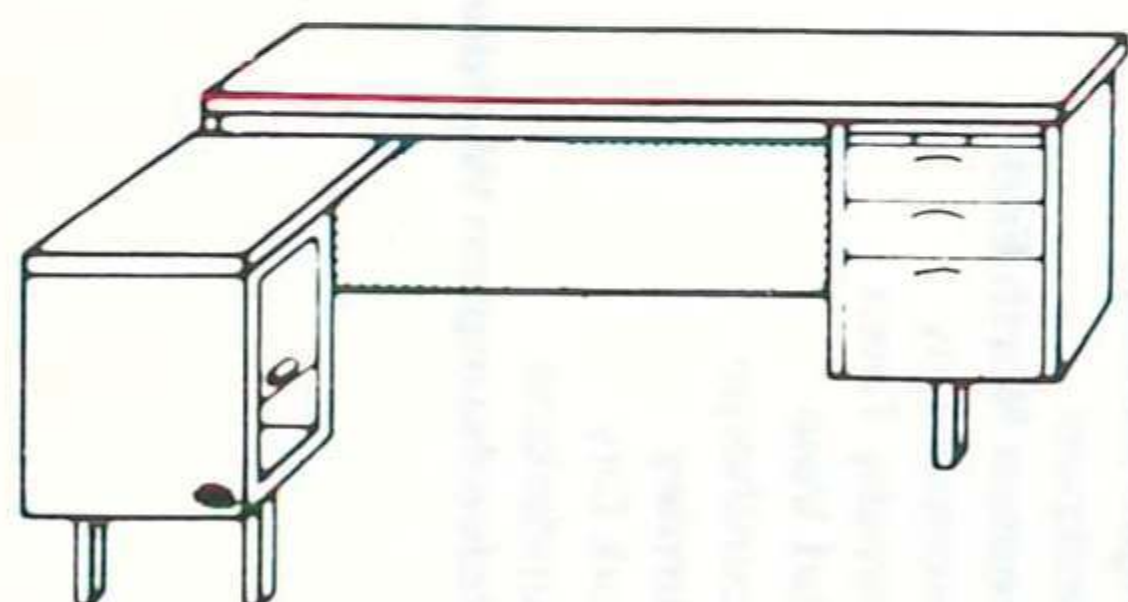
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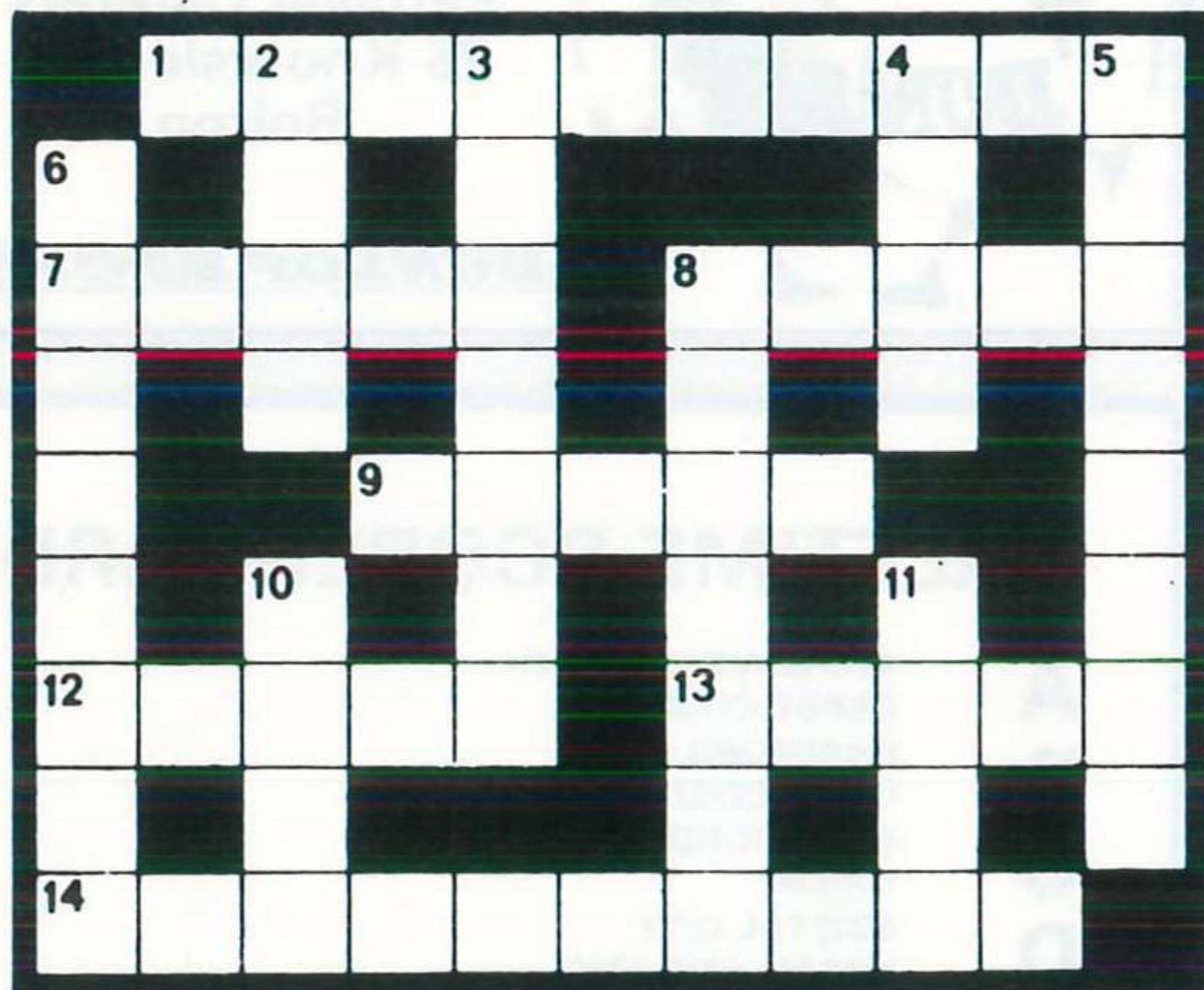
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- The shared nickname of the first two clubs of 1 across (5)
- This Lloyd was capped by England whilst with two clubs with a shared nickname (5)
- An England international who has managed many clubs home here as well as Bilbao, Lisbon and Panathinaikos away (5)
- In which *Football Focus* has a segment (10)



DOWN

- Holland's top club of the last two decades (4)
- The Mecca — — — Awards were introduced to give recognition to long-serving players (7)
- One of soccer's Walkers (4)
- Sponsors of a well-known *Football Yearbook* (8)
- In the case of the 1984 UEFA Cup final, say, Brussels was where it was played (5,3)
- Keeper who had a long spell at Ayr, going on to Leeds, Swansea and Scotland . . . (7)
- . . . thus having been in charge of many such a 'box' as this (4)
- Sounds like 13 across for Sunderland! (4)

MIXED DOUBLES No. 1

Scramble the letters of each of the words
NOSIER and SWARDED
To reveal two "strikers"

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

QUICK QUIZ No. 1

- Which club had the young Clive Thomas, the referee-to-be, on their books?
- Mr Dwight and Mr Hoch became prominent chairmen . . . but under what names?
- Which clubs did tv's Jimmy Hill turn out for?
- Bobby Moore scored both his England goals in 1966(!) — against which countries?
- Joe Bradford and Geoff Bradford set up the scoring records for which clubs respectively?

FITNESS TEST No. 1

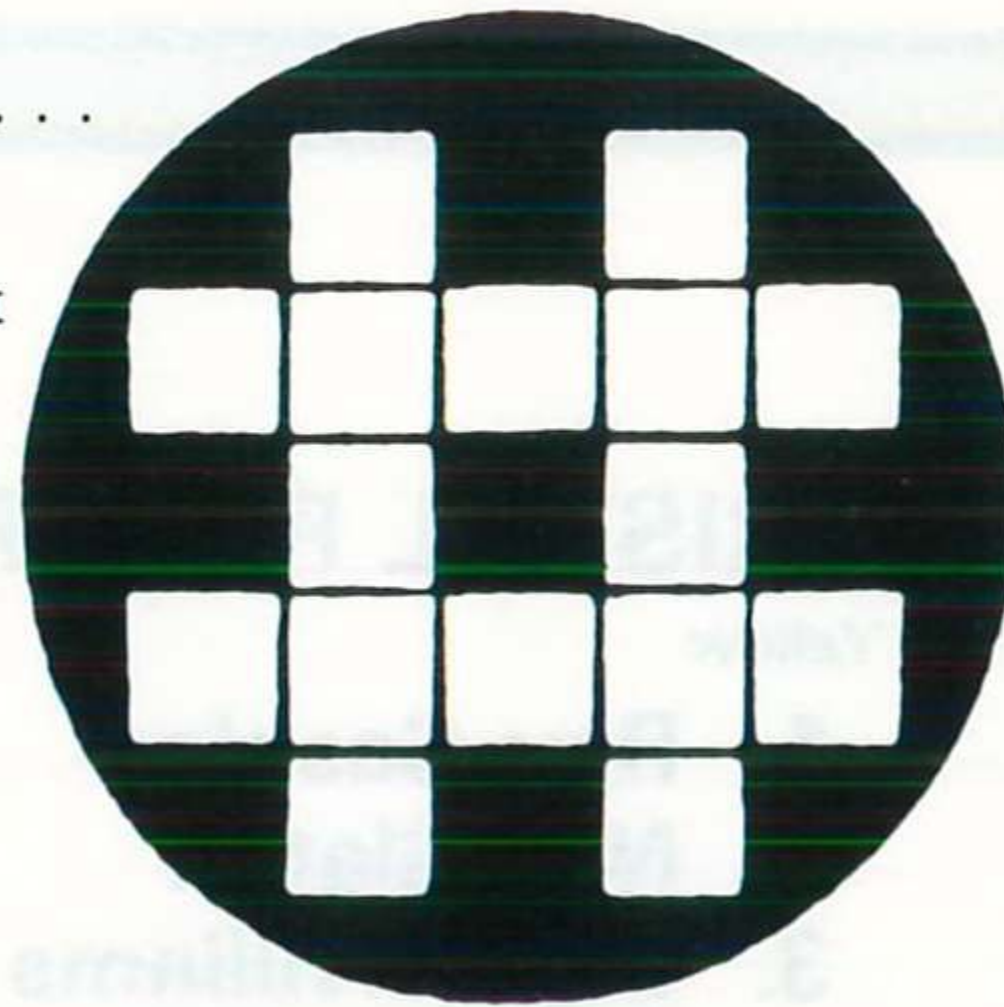
Re-arrange all
the letters of
MARTIN O'NEILL
to create four
four-lettered words that
fit down the edges
of the diamond



ON THE BALL No. 1

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into
the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must
go.

He was Best in goal . . .
. . . narrowing this
He was Best up front
McGrain maybe



Puzzle Page

Teams

BOLTON WANDERERS

White & Navy Blue

1. Simon Farnworth
2. Brian Borrowes
3. Jimmy Phillips
4. Warren Joyce
5. Neil Berry
6. Ray Deakin
7. Steve Thompson
8. Jeff Chandler
9. George Oghani
10. Tony Caldwell
11. Graham Bell
- 12.

BRISTOL ROVERS

Yellow

1. Ray Cashley
2. Neil Slatter
3. Brian Williams
4. Geraint Williams
5. Tim Parkin
6. Aidan McCaffery
7. Ian Holloway
8. David Williams
9. Paul Randall
10. Archie Stephens
11. Mark O'Connor
- 12.

Today's Referee: JOHN KEY
(Rotherham)

Electrical Clerk of Works. Married with two boys. Commenced refereeing in 1970 progressing via Yorkshire and Northern Premier Leagues. Interested in all types of sport, photography and keeping fit. Executive Council member of Yorkshire section of the A.F.L.R. & L. Senior linesman European Champions' Cup match in 1981.

Linesmen: J. A. IRELAND (Warrington) Red Flag
P. NEWALL (Widnes) Yellow Flag



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A	AFC BOURNEMOUTH
B	DERBY COUNTY
C	BRADFORD CITY
D	CAMBRIDGE UNITED
E	BRENTFORD
F	ORIENT
G	BRISTOL CITY
H	WIGAN ATHLETIC
I	BURNLEY
J	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
K	GILLINGHAM
L	NEWPORT COUNTY
M	LINCOLN CITY
N	HULL CITY
O	MILLWALL
P	SWANSEA CITY
Q	PRESTON NORTH END
R	DONCASTER ROVERS
S	READING
T	ROTHERHAM UNITED
U	YORK CITY
V	WALSALL
W	ARSENAL
X	CHELSEA
	ASTON VILLA
	COVENTRY CITY
	EVERTON
	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
	LEICESTER CITY
	NEWCASTLE UNITED
	LUTON TOWN
	STOKE CITY
	MANCHESTER UNITED
	WATFORD
	NORWICH CITY
	LIVERPOOL
	QUEENS PARK RANGERS
	WEST BROMWICH ALBION
	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
	NOTTINGHAM FOREST
	SUNDERLAND
	SOUTHAMPTON
	WEST HAM UNITED
	IPSWICH TOWN
	DARLINGTON
	BURY
	ROCHDALE
	HEREFORD UNITED